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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

Ed VanDyne, et al.

Art Unit: 3747

Application No.: Not Yet Assigned

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For:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING EXHAUST GAS RECIRCULATION AND START OF COMBUSTION IN RECIPROCATING COMPRESSION IGNITION ENGINES WITH AN IGNITION SYSTEM WITH

IONIZATION MEASUREMENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the claim listing which begins on page 2. Remarks begin on page 7.